

REMARKS

I. Support for the Amendments

Support for the amendments to the specification and to the abstract can be found in the PCT application as filed.

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT application PCT/US2003/031430, filed October 3, 2003, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application 60/416,334, filed October 4, 2002, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Abstract, which was the Abstract originally filed in PCT/US2003/031430, filed October 3, 2003, and which appears on the cover sheet of WO 2004/032709 (publication of PCT/US2003/031430).

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II. Conclusion

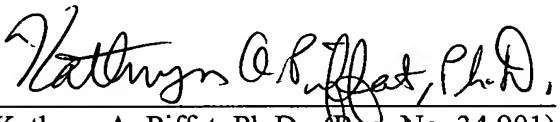
It is believed that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. If any extension of time is required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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